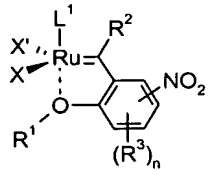
ABSTRACT

The invention relates to new (pre)catalysts of ruthenium complexes of formula **1**,



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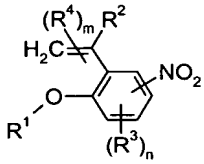
wherein L^1, X, X', R^1, R^2, R^3 and n are defined herein. The novel ruthenium complexes of formula **1** are convenient (pre)catalysts for metathesis reactions and can be applied, e.g., for ring-closing metathesis, cross metathesis or ene-ine metathesis reactions.

Another aspect of the invention are the novel intermediates of formula **2**.



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